

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST REGION QUESTION

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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of funds allocated for the development of the North-Eastern Region state-wise, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise
- (b) whether the pace of the development works in the North-Eastern Region is slow even after creation of a separate Ministry for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken some measures to expedite the various projects in the North Eastern Region under various schemes; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

- (a): The State-wise details of funds released for the development of the North Eastern Region during last three years and the current year under NLCPR projects, NEC and State Plans are annexed. In addition, all Ministries, except those that are exempted (Annex-II) are required to invest 10% of their annual GBS in the North East Region and unspent amounts are credited to the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources administered by the Ministry of DoNER.
- (b) & (c): The pace of development has accelerated in the Tenth Plan and is expected to be even faster in the Eleventh Plan.
- (d) & (e): In order to expedite implementation of these projects the State Governments have been advised to ensure timely release of funds to implementing agencies and also to review the progress made on a quarterly basis at the level of Chief Secretary. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is constantly monitoring the progress of implementation of projects in meetings held at various levels. The officers of M/DoNER also visit NE States for review and physical verification of the projects from time to time. The Minister interacts frequently with Chief Ministers and other Ministers and matters are reviewed in the NEC Plenary and in NEC Sectoral Summits, as well as other fora.